the destinies of the people in these days mean to carry out all the necessary reforms to better their conditions. There are many long overdue reforms here—industrial, political and social. I am glad to be told by the Hon'ble Mover of the resolution, the Hon'ble Minister, that His Highness is a constitutional ruler. That is what is required in modern rulers, especially rulers under His Majesty the King Emperor, who is himself a people's servant, a constitutional ruler. If what is told by the Hon'ble Minister is proved true, there will be no difficulty here. There are many reforms, I said. Sir, a few miles away people who are less educated, less advanced, less politically conscious, are enjoying provincial autonomy. I simply bring this matter to the notice of His Highness and also, Sir, to your notice. We, the people aof Cochin, should not feel that they do not get necessary political reforms because they are in native State. That thought will be very dangerous.

There is another reform which is long overdue. Sir, in Cochin, a large section of His Highness' loyal and lawabiding people are untouchables and unapproachables. In these days, it is a very heart-rending state of affairs. I hope His Highness during his time will do something to remove that stigma of the State, and I also want to bring to the gracious notice of His Highness and also Sir, to your notice, that if democracy is to be worked properly, all sections of the people should get equal opportunities and also equal share of political power, either in services or in the representative institutions, and there will be no scheming in that, if democracy is real democracy, all sections of the people, if there are sections in the people, should get equal opportunities, equal share of political power and equal share of loaves and fishes also.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do away with the sections.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* All these things I very humbly and loyally bring to the gracious notice of His Highness, availing myself of this opportunity of the congratulatory motion. I associate myself with all the loyal sentiments expressed by the previous speakers.

Mr. President: Hon'ble Members, before I ask you to rise and signify your acceptance of this motion, I would like to associate myself with the expression of congratulation, loyalty and devotion which have risen from all Hon'ble Members from all sides of the House. Now, I request the Hon'ble Members to stand and signify their acceptance of this motion.

(Motion passed nem con, all members standing)

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I request that the President may be pleased to forward this motion to His Highness the Maharaja and order the publication of the proceedings in this connection in the Gazette.

Mr. President: Yes, the request is allowed.

Announcement of the names of the panel of Chairmen

Mr. President: I now announce that I have nominated Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan and Mr. C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri to form the Panel of Chairmen for this session.

Announcement of Bills assented to by His Highness

Secretary to the Council: Under Standing Order 5 (2), I have to announce to the Council that His Highness the Maharaja has been graciously pleased to give his assent to the following Bill passed by the Council.—

The Cochin Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill.

Placing of the statement of expenditure

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules I beg to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 28 (1) (c) of the Government of Cochin Act, 1113.

Serial No.	Head of Account	Amount Rs.	Remarks
1	25 A (2) Rural Sanitation—charges for prevention of Epidemics	5,000	To meet the expenditure connected with the preventive measures taken at the time of the cholera outbreak, an additional allotment had to be urgently sanctioned towards pay of additional staff, cholera vaccine, bleaching powder, etc.

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2	15. General Administration, State Loan—Bank commission and contingencies	41,615	As the terms and conditions for the repayment of the 5 per cent loan and the floatation of the 3 per cent loan had not been decided upon, the expenditure connected with these could not be provided in full. Only a lump sum of Rs. 30,000 had been provided tentatively. Hence the additional allotment had to be urgently sanctioned to meet all the connected items of expenditure.

House adjourned for lunch at 1-30 p.m. and reassembled at 2-30 p.m. with the Deputy President in the Chair

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

1. Rs. 1,000 under "5—Co-operative Societies—Contingencies—Miscellaneous"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "5—Co-operative Societies—Contingencies—Miscellaneous". The term of the Co-operative Enquiry Committee has been extended till the end of the year 1943. There is no allotment to meet this item of expenditure. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 is necessary under the above head. I request the House may be pleased to grant this allotment.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I second the motion.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Is the Committee working still?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The term of the Committee has been extended till the end of 1943. This is December. I expect the report within the limited time.

Demand put and carried

2. Rs. 767 under "33—Industries—Transferred—G. T. School—Miscellaneous"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Devlopment)*: I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 767 under "33—Industries—Transferred—Government Trades School, Trichur, Miscellaneous". The Government Trades School, Trichur, is now being conducted in a rented building. There is no budget provision for the payment of rent. An additional allotment of Rs. 767 is therefore necessary for payment of rent this year under the above head.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I second it.

Demand put and carried

3. Rs. 750 under "38—E. Income-tax—Contingencies"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 750 under "38-E—Income-tax contingencies—Law charges". This amount is required to pay the fee due to the Advocate-General of Madras on a reference made to him in connection with an income-tax appeal case. I request that the amount may kindly be sanctioned.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know, Sir, what the nature of the appeal or reference is?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: One of the merchants here who has been assessed for income-tax and super-tax left the State all on a sudden to his native place somewhere in Kathiawar and the question arose whether there is any remedy against him. On that a reference was made whether we could sue him in Kathiawar or in Bombay or wherever else he has assets outside the State. On that question a reference had to be made to the Advocate-General of Madras.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Had he assets in Cochin?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The assets in Cochin are here and we can proceed against them.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: What was the opinion?

Rama Vamha Tampuan *(Secretary to Government)*: The opinion was that it cannot be done.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What was the question? Was not the Advocate-General here competent to say?

Rama Varmha Tampuan *(Secretary to Government)*: We had the opinion of the present Advocate-General and on a previous occasion we had the opinion of one of his predecessors also and the Government thought that reference to the Madras Advocate-General would be worth-while.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancherir)*: The question was whether the Cochin Government could sue him, where they should sue and in what form they should sue him.

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